

WINNING TACTICS

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FORWORD

“In the modern game of soccer, it is not always the team with the best players that gains the result, but the side employing the most effective tactics to counter the oppositions strengths and to utilize your own.

It is not uncommon to witness a team play 4 across the back one week, then 5 at the back, including a sweeper, the next.

Some of the greatest soccer upsets of recent years have been achieved through exploiting the weaknesses of the favourites and effectively masking their strengths. A couple of examples of this being Wimbledons F.A. Cup Final victory over Liverpool in 1988 and Crystal Palaces own Semi Final defeat of Liverpool in 1990.

As in real life, Kick Off can be played as a very tactical game, and in not utilizing this aspect you are missing out on a large part of the game. Also remember this.....even if the opposition looks daunting, necessity is the mother of invention.”

Steve Coppell
Manager
Crystal Palace

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INTRODUCTION

Winning Tactics is a collection of tactics for Player Manager, Kick Off 2 and Final Whistle. Tactics is a very important part of the game play of the KICK OFF based programs. If you have so far ignored this aspect and just enjoyed playing the game, you have not realised the full potential of the game.

A game player using the correct tactics for the occasion will enable you to exploit the weak spots in the opposition defence or effectively counter the opposition attack.

There are ten double tactics which can be loaded into the FINAL WHISTLE disc only. There are also ten single tactics which can be loaded into KICK OFF 2 or PLAYER MANAGER.

NOTE: Trying to load Double Tactics into PLAYER MANAGER or KICK OFF 2 may crash the program.

LOADING

SINGLE GAME:

1. Select OPTIONS on the Main Menu.
2. Select SELECT TACTICS in the option menu. Select the team which you wish to load the tactics and press the Fire Button. Select Tactics screen will be displayed.
3. Insert the Winning Tactics disc in drive A. Highlight LOAD TACTICS option and press the Fire Button.
4. Select the tactics from the directory and press the Fire Button.

NOTE: DOUBLE TACTICS can only be loaded into the FINAL WHISTLE and SINGLE TACTICS can only be loaded into KICK OFF 2 and PLAYER MANAGER.

5. Select O.K. and press Fire Button.
6. You will now be returned to the SELECT TACTICS screen. New Tactics will appear in Load Tactics box.
7. Highlight the tactics you wish to replace and press Fire Button. The new tactics will now be one of your tactics that can be taken to the match.

LEAGUE or CUP

1. The table will be displayed. Highlight the team for which you wish to change the tactics. Press F5 to display the SELECT TACTICS screen.
2. Follow the steps 3 to 7 as for Single Game.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY

The Tactics for International Friendly are loaded into the league first. Load the tactics as for the League and Cup above and use the QUIT option in the League Table.

PLAYER MANAGER

1. Select COACH on the Main Menu.
2. Select TACTICAL TRAINING on the COACH SCREEN.
3. Insert Winning Tactics disc in the drive. Select RETRAIN on Tactical Training screen. Directory of the Winning Tactics disc will be displayed. Select any tactics from Single Tactics list.

NOTE: If Double Tactics is selected, the program will crash.

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DOUBLE TACTICS

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A table for each tactics gives indication of the importance of the attributes and skills required of the Player playing in a particular position.

The importance is given in the descending order i.e. for Player No 2 in Longball, the tackling ability is most important and Resilience in the least important.

ATTRIBUTES

Pos. - Position
Stam. - Stamina
Res. - Resilience

SKILLS

Pass - Passing
Shoot - Shooting
Tackle - Tackling

1. LONGBALL

STYLE: ATTACKING

SHAPE: 4 - 2 - 4

DESCRIPTION: Longball is aimed at providing a good service to the front two players, no's 9 and 10.

It employs two wingers, no's 7 and 11. These wingers are not placed too wide so that they can easily back up the front men.

In defence no's 5 and 6 hang back just behind the two full backs no's 2 and 3. These full backs are positioned quite wide out so that they can serve the wingers as well as cut out the opposition's wingers.

No.	Pos.	Pace	Stam.	Res.	Pass	Shoot	Tackle
2	L-back	2	3	6	4	5	1
3	R-back	2	3	6	4	5	1
4	L-Mid	6	4	3	1	5	2
5	C-back	2	3	4	5	6	1
6	C-back	2	3	4	5	6	1
7	L-wing	1	2	5	3	4	6
8	R-mid	6	4	3	1	5	2
9	Striker	1	3	2	6	4	5
10	Striker	1	3	2	6	4	5
11	R-wing	1	2	5	3	4	6

2. PRESSURE

STYLE: DEFENSIVE

SHAPE: 5 - 4 - 1

DESCRIPTION: Pressure is aimed at putting the opponents under pressure when they have possession of the ball.

It employs a sweeper at no 4, two full backs at no's 2 and 3 and also two centre backs at no's 5 and 6. When the opposition has the possession, everybody except your striker is back behind the ball. Once possession has been gained, no 9 will race up to join the lone striker (no 10) and no's 7 and 11 will then move out to take up wing positions.

No.	Pos.	Pace	Stam.	Res.	Pass	Shoot	Tackle
2	R-back	1	3	5	4	6	2
3	L-back	1	3	5	4	6	2
4	Sweeper	1	2	3	5	6	4
5	C-back	3	4	2	5	6	1
6	C-back	3	4	2	5	6	1
7	R-wing	2	6	4	3	5	1
8	Mid	5	4	3	2	6	1
9	Mid/att	1	6	4	3	5	2
10	Striker	1	2	4	6	3	5
11	L-wing	2	6	4	3	5	1

3. SWINGERS

STYLE: ATTACKING

SHAPE: 3 - 2 - 5

DESCRIPTION: Swingers revolves around the theory that the more service is provided to the front men, more goals they are likely to score. There are three strikers at no's 8, 9 and 10 supported by no's 7 and 11 acting as wingers. No's 2 and 3 also take up very wide positions.

Most defensive operations will revolve around your sweeper no 5. At times he will be under great pressure so a cool head is needed. The two mid-fielders no's 4 and 6 are positioned halfway between the defence and the front line and then can therefore easily move between them.

If played well this can be a very exciting and effective tactics.

No.	Pos.	Pace	Stam.	Res.	Pass	Shoot	Tackle
2	R-back	1	2	5	4	6	3
3	L-back	1	2	5	4	6	3
4	Mid	4	2	5	3	6	1
5	Sweeper	1	2	3	5	6	4
6	Midfield	4	2	5	3	6	1
7	R-wing	1	2	5	3	4	6
8	Striker	2	3	4	6	1	5
9	Striker	2	3	4	6	1	5
10	Striker	2	3	4	6	1	5
11	L-wing	1	2	5	3	4	6

4. SMOTHER

STYLE: DEFENSIVE

SHAPE: 5 - 4 - 1

DESCRIPTION: Aimed at smothering any attack mounted by the opposition. This tactic should prove very hard to break down indeed. A sweeper is employed at no 5 with no's 4 and 6 being full backs and no's 2 and 3 being centre backs. The midfield is positioned deep, just in front of this defensive line, making it very difficult to breach. The lone striker is at no 10 and he will have the thankless task of taking on the opposition single handed, but you wouldn't play this tactic if you wanted to score anyway.

No.	Pos.	Pace	Stam.	Res.	Pass	Shoot	Tackle
2	C-back	3	4	2	5	6	1
3	C-back	3	4	2	5	6	1
4	L-back	1	3	5	4	6	2
5	Sweeper	1	3	4	5	6	2
6	R-back	1	3	5	4	6	2
7	R-mid	5	4	2	3	6	1
8	Mid	5	3	2	6	4	1
9	Mid	5	3	2	6	4	1
10	Striker	1	2	4	6	3	5
11	L-mid	5	4	2	3	6	1

5. DESPERADO

STYLE: ATTACKING

SHAPE: 3 - 1 - 6

DESCRIPTION: To be used in desperate situations only. It leaves you woefully exposed at the back with two very wide wing men, two out and out strikers and two more attackers set just behind and to the side of these, its always going to cause even the most well organised defence a problem or two.

No.	Pos.	Pace	Stam.	Res.	Pass	Shoot	Tackle
2	R-back	1	2	5	4	6	3
3	L-back	1	2	5	4	6	3
4	L-att	1	4	5	3	2	6
5	Sweeper	1	2	3	5	6	4
6	Mid	1	2	3	5	6	4
7	R-wing	1	2	5	3	4	6
8	R-att	1	4	5	3	2	6
9	Striker	2	3	4	6	1	5
10	Striker	2	3	4	6	1	5
11	L-wing	1	2	5	3	4	6

6. MIDFIELD

STYLE: NEUTRAL/DEFENSIVE

SHAPE: 4 - 5 - 1

DESCRIPTION: This tactics is adopted when the offside option is being used. Without offside option, your defence will be next to useless as it relies heavily on the offside trap. Once again there is just one lone striker at no 10. No's 4, 8, and 9 make up the heart of the midfield, with no's 7 and 11 as left and right mid-fielders respectively. There aren't too many attacking options available with this tactics. Long mazy runs from deep in the midfield are the key to this tactics for scoring goals.

No.	Pos.	Pace	Stam.	Res.	Pass	Shoot	Tackle
2	L-back	1	2	4	5	6	3
3	R-back	1	2	4	5	6	3
4	Mid	6	2	3	4	5	1
5	C-back	1	2	4	5	6	3
6	C-back	1	2	4	5	6	3
7	L-mid	3	4	5	1	6	2
8	Mid	6	2	3	4	5	1
9	Mid	6	2	3	4	5	1
10	Striker	1	2	3	6	4	5
11	R-mid	3	4	5	1	6	2

7. SPREAD

STYLE: NEUTRAL/ATTACKING

SHAPE: 4 - 3 - 3

DESCRIPTION: Aimed at those of you who think that they can really pass the ball. All your players are positioned all over the pitch, there is no bunching at all. You can really spread the play from side to side and it proves to be, if played well, a nightmare to defend against. The back four play quite flat so you even have a quite effective offside trap at times. With players 3, 4, and 11 acting wide out on the left and no's 2, 8 and 7 out on the right there is a lot of scope for attacking down the wings.

No.	Pos.	Pace	Stam.	Res.	Pass	Shoot	Tackle
2	R-back	1	3	5	4	6	2
3	L-back	1	3	5	4	6	2
4	L-mid	2	4	5	1	6	3
5	C-back	2	4	3	5	6	1
6	C-back	2	4	3	5	6	1
7	R-wing	1	2	5	3	4	6
8	R-mid	2	4	5	1	6	3
9	Mid	4	5	3	2	6	1
10	Striker	1	2	4	6	3	5
11	L-wing	1	2	5	3	4	6

8. COUNTER

STYLE: NEUTRAL/DEFENSIVE

SHAPE: 5 - 2 - 3

DESCRIPTION: This tactics changes from defence to attack quickly. If the opposition is in possession, this tactic will get as many of your players back behind the ball as possible, but when possession is gained no's 11 and 7 will run out wide to become wingers and no 10 will race forward, closely followed by no's 8 and 9 from midfield. At all times a basic five man defence will be in operation with no 4 as sweeper.

No.	Pos.	Pace	Stam.	Res.	Pass	Shoot	Tackle
2	R-back	3	4	2	5	6	1
3	L-back	3	4	2	5	6	1
4	Sweeper	1	2	3	5	6	4
5	C-back	2	4	2	5	6	1
6	C-back	2	4	2	5	6	1
7	R-mid	1	2	4	5	6	3
8	Midfield	2	4	2	5	6	1
9	Midfield	2	4	2	5	6	1
10	Striker	1	2	4	6	3	5
11	L-mid	1	2	4	5	6	3

9. OFFSIDE

STYLE: NEUTRAL/ATTACKING

SHAPE: 4 - 2 - 4

DESCRIPTION: This is another formation that relies heavily on the offside rule, so if offside is not selected then don't use this tactic. Basically it's the standard 4-2-4 formation with a very strict back four who will try to stay on the halfway line, but if advanced upon will retreat back to the edge of the penalty area and no further. No's 9 and 10 are pushed forward so they may benefit from the long ball, but also they have wingers at no's 7 and 11 who play quite wide and should be able to give good service.

No.	Pos.	Pace	Stam.	Res.	Pass	Shoot	Tackle
2	R-back	1	2	5	4	6	3
3	L-back	1	2	5	4	6	3
4	R-mid	5	6	2	3	4	1
5	C-back	1	2	4	5	6	3
6	C-back	1	2	4	5	6	3
7	R-wing	2	3	5	1	4	6
8	L-mid	5	6	2	3	4	1
9	Striker	2	3	4	6	1	5
10	Striker	2	3	4	6	1	5
11	L-wing	2	3	5	1	4	6

10. OVERLAP

STYLE: ATTACKING

SHAPE: 5 - 3 - 2 to 3 - 5 - 2

DESCRIPTION: This tactic changes from being 5-3-2 in defensive mode to 3-5-2 in attacking mode. This is achieved by pushing the two full backs no's 2 and 3 up past the wingers no's 7 and 11, giving even greater width to an impressive looking formation. No's 9 and 10 play as out and out strikers and no 8 as a roving mid-fielder. The sweeper system is used again, with no's 5 and 6 being the centre backs and no 4 the sweeper. If played well this tactic can be devastating and also very exciting to watch.

No.	Pos.	Pace	Stam.	Res.	Pass	Shoot	Tackle
2	R-back	1	2	3	5	6	4
3	L-back	1	2	3	5	6	4
4	Sweeper	1	2	3	5	6	4
5	C-back	3	4	2	5	6	1
6	C-back	3	4	2	5	6	1
7	R-wing	3	4	5	1	2	6
8	Mid	4	5	3	1	6	2
9	Striker	2	3	4	6	1	5
10	Striker	2	3	4	6	1	5
11	L-wing	3	4	5	1	2	6

SINGLE TACTICS (KICK OFF 2 and PLAYER MANAGER)

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| 1. FORT KNOX | 6. DYNAMIC |
| 2. GASP | 7. STRIKE |
| 3. SHUFFLE | 8. SWEEPER |
| 4. WIDEBOY | 9. THRILLER |
| 5. BREAK | 10. COMPACT |

1. FORT KNOX

STYLE: DEFENSIVE

SHAPE: 7 - 2 - 1

SUMMARY: This tactic is aimed at denying the opposition any time on the ball anywhere near the goal. No 10 plays as the lone striker with no's 8 and 9 in midfield. The defence spreads out from the sweeper at no 5 with no's 4 and 6 playing as centre backs, no's 2 and 3 outside these and no's 7 and 11 outside these as full backs.

2. GASP

STYLE: ATTACKING

SHAPE: 3 - 2 - 5

SUMMARY: This tactic is for use in extreme emergencies only as it leaves your defence wide open and prone to attack. No 5 plays as a sweeper with no's 2 and 3 as fullbacks. The midfield consists of no's 4 and 6. No's 7 and 11 adopt very wide positions with no 8 playing just in behind the two front men no's 9 and 10.

3. SHUFFLE

STYLE: NEUTRAL/ATTACKING

SHAPE: 5 - 2 - 3

SUMMARY: This tactic is a little strange in that throughout the time that this tactic is employed the fullback no 2 and the winger no 7 and also the fullback no 3 and the winger no 11 continually swap positions. This can lead to some very effective overlapping by the fullbacks. A sweeper system is once again employed with no 5 assuming this role. No's 4 and 6 are the centre backs with no's 8 and 9 in midfield and no 10 as the striker.

4. WIDEBOY

STYLE: NEUTRAL/ATTACKING

SHAPE: 4 - 2 - 4

SUMMARY: This tactic is for those of you who like using wingers or maybe those of you who dislike playing against wingers as no's 2 and 3 play as very wide fullbacks, effectively snuffing out the opponents wide men. No's 5 and 6 are centrebacks with no's 4 and 8 in midfield. No's 7 and 11 act as the wingers with no's 9 and 10 being the strikers.

5. BREAK

STYLE: NEUTRAL

SHAPE: 4 - 3 - 3 / 4 - 2 - 4

SUMMARY: This tactic has been mainly designed for use in Player Manager but also works

well in Kick Off 2. It employs two centre backs no's 5 and 6 and two fullbacks no's 2 and 3. The midfield comprises of no's 4, 8 and sometimes 9 who also does his fair share of attacking duties. Two wingers are used at no's 7 and 11, but these are not overly wide and the striker is at no 10. This is a very well balanced tactic.

6. DYNAMIC

STYLE: ATTACKING

SHAPE: 4 - 2 - 4

SUMMARY: This is another tactic designed with Player Manager very much in mind, but also as with BREAK it works well in Kick Off. DYNAMIC is a more attacking variation of BREAK with the no 9 moving up to play as the second striker. Again this is a well balanced tactic that should be able to defend just as well as it attacks.

7. STRIKER

STYLE: ATTACKING

SHAPE: 3 - 2 - 5

SUMMARY: This is yet again another tactic that has been designed for use in Player Manager as a very attacking option. No 5 is a sweeper and no's 2 and 3 act as fullbacks. No's 4, 6 and 8 run the midfield and no's 7 and 11 play out very wide on the wings. No's 9 and 10 play as strikers. This tactic has been tried and tested and is used by STEVE SCREECH in his Player Manager side.

8. SWEEPER

STYLE: DEFENSIVE

SHAPE: 5 - 3 - 2

SUMMARY: This is a new sweeper formation which should also snuff out the oppositions wing play as well as their forwards. No's 2 and 3 play out very wide as fullbacks and no's 4 and 6 play as centre backs next to no 5, the sweeper. No's 7, 8 and 11 are in the midfield with no's 9 and 10 upfront.

9. THRILLER

STYLE: ATTACKING

SHAPE: 5 - 2 - 3

SUMMARY: This tactic is a very attacking sweeper formation. It works particularly well if you employ the "LONG BALL" method of playing Kick Off 2. Both fullbacks no's 2 and 3 and both wingers 7 and 11 play out very wide and are difficult to defend against. No's 8 and 9 play as midfielders with no 10 as the striker and no 5 as the sweeper.

10. COMPACT

STYLE: NEUTRAL/DEFENSIVE

SHAPE: 4 - 4 - 2

SUMMARY: This tactic is aimed at packing the midfield and stopping the opposition playing. No's 4, 7, 8 and 11 take on the midfield duties with no's 2, 3, 5 and 6 playing very flat across the back. No's 9 and 10 play upfront and will have to work hard to break down the opposition, but you shouldn't play this formation if you are losing.

